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1. USIA has purchased large quantities of machine tools and metal-working machines from Czechoslovakia and Eastern Germany for Siemens-Engerthstrasse. The Soviet Military Bank is advancing funds to finance these purchases. [redacted] USIA is planning to sell [redacted] products below the current market prices. [redacted]
2. OROP has purchased property at the corner of Schottenring and Franz Josefs-Kai in order to build a large modern office building in the spring of 1950. OROP is planning to expand its winter harbor and Danube installations. Recently it ordered large quantities of electric-light fixtures [redacted] [redacted] for filling stations in Vienna and Lower Austria.
- Comment: The Soviet Military Bank will probably absorb USIA's immediate losses until capital investments pay off.

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